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Shaley Steel Crowned Queen At Homecoming

Senior Shaley Steel was chosen as Homecoming Queen at this year's homecoming celebration on Friday night.

Shaley was escorted by her father Dale Steel and Senior, Josh Seymour. Shaley wore a black and silver floor length dress of rayon.

Her princesses were Freshman, Krista Smith, escorted by her father Greg Smith and Senior Trent

Cadra; Sophomore Princess Ashley McClendon was escorted by her father Charley McClendon and Sophomore James Alexander; Junior Princess Jennifer Greer was escorted by her Grandfather John Fulton and Junior Harlem Conners; All Around Princess, Jennifer Smith was escorted by her Uncle, Johnny Rigsby and Junior Dusty Moody.

On Thursday night Shaley Steel was crowned Flame Queen. The Flame Queen is chosen by the cheerleaders for their spirit and crowned at the bonfire the night before the football game. Congratulations Shaley!



Homecoming Royalty: Princess Krista Smith, Princess Jennifer Greer, Princess Jennifer Smith, Homecoming Queen Shaley Steel, and Princess Ashley McClendon

McLean Reminder

MCLEAN JR. High will play Follett, here at 6:00.

MOM MANIA, a mother's support group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sept 20 at the Pampa Lovett Memorial Library meeting room. (north entrance). Dad's are invited! The topic is "Father's Day Every Day".

MCLEAN CUBS will play Follett at home on Sept. 19 at 6:00 pm.

MCLEAN TIGERS have an off week this week. The next game will be against Samnorwood at home on Sept. 27.

THE PIONEER Study Club will meet Thursday, Sept. 19 at the McLean-Alanreed Museum at 2:00 pm.

FAMILY READING night is Monday from 6:00-6:45.

THE MCLEAN Chapter of A.A., N.A. and ALANON will meet on Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church. Anyone from the area is welcome to attend.

City of McLean Welcomes New City Manager, Scott Perry

McLean is very happy to welcome Scott Perry to the community. Scott has been hired as the new City Manager.

Scott was raised in Glen Rose, Texas, where his Great Grandfather, Grandfather and Father all served as City Managers.

Scott worked for the city of Glen Rose, beginning with garbage disposal when he was in high school during the summer breaks. He says he has worked in every aspect of city management

and has worked in that capacity for 11 years. He has also worked as the Deputy Constable in Granite, OK and still helps out there part time.

Scott attended the University of North Texas in Denton and has taken cores at Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service.

Scott is engaged to be married in December to Nora Bejar of Munday. In his spare time he is working on a picture book of historical court houses. He loves history, especially the Civil War era and photography.

Scott says the thing he likes best about McLean is the atmosphere and friendliness of a small town. It reminds him of Glen Rose when he was growing up. He said when he met the folks here he had a comfortable feeling.



McLean Tigers Fall To Hedley After Injuries Plague First Half

In a heart breaking loss the McLean Tigers fell to the Hedley Owls 32 to 13. The game was close in the first half with Hedley

scoring on their first drive. McLean came back tying 6 to 6 at the end of the first half.

The game got away from

the Tigers in the second half due to injuries. With Drew Barker and Sonny Northcut sidelined at the beginning of

See Tigers, pg. 10

Bailey-Ware Funeral Home Holds Open House



Angie Ware welcomes visitors at the Open House held recently at the Bailey Ware Funeral Home in McLean. Ware has made several renovations and everything is very lovely.

SAFE HEALTH NEWS

Mixing Prescription And OTC Medicines

NAPS—For the 90 million people in the U.S. who suffer from medical conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, glaucoma, diabetes, thyroid disease, enlarged prostate, eating disorders and depression, finding a decongestant, diet pill or other health aid at the drug store can be a risky exercise.

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Obituaries

DEBRA LYNN VINEYARD

Glen Rose -- Debra Lynn "Debbie" Vineyard, 43, died Tuesday, September 10, 2002, at a Fort Worth Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Sept. 13, at 4 p.m. at the first United Methodist Church in Glen Kris. Burial was in Glen Rose Cemetery.

Ms. Vineyard was born April 21, 1959, to Charlie and Donna Meacham. Vineyard in Shamrock. She lived in Glen Rose for 36 years and graduated from Glen Rose High School in 1977. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and she loved painting and music.

Ms. Vineyard was preceded in death by her grandparents, Philip and Onie Gibson and J. W. and Dixie Meacham. She is survived by her son, Brandon Shane Vineyard of Austin, Mother, Donna Vineyard of Glen Rose, Father and Stepmother, Charlie and Linda Vineyard, brother, Charlie, Don Vineyard and wife, Laurie, of Corsicana, nieces and nephew, Katie, Courtney and Cody Vineyard, all of Corsicana, several aunts, uncles, cousins and any friends, and her special friends, Johnny Renteria and Melissa McKnight.

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

—Anne Frank

MCLEAN SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU

Week of Sept. 23-27
Breakfast

Mon. - Biscuits, gravy, sausage, fruit, juice & milk.

Tues. - Yogurt, teddy grahams, toast & jelly, fruit, juice & milk.

Wed. - Apple, pastry, toast & jelly, fruit, juice & milk.

Thurs. - Cereal, toast & jelly, fruit, juice & milk.

Fri. - Cinnamon rolls, toast & jelly, fruit, juice & milk.

Lunch
Mon. - Cheese sticks, spaghetti sauce, black eyed peas, salad, cake, & milk.

Tues. - Hot pockets, fritos, veggie sticks, pickle spears, trail mix, & milk.

Wed. - Turkey & rice, gravy, corn, bread sticks, fruit, & milk.

Thurs. - Taco salad, meat, cheese, refried beans, salad, cookies, & milk.

Fri. - Pizza, corn, salad, bomb pops, & milk.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

McLean, TX. A course in hunter education has been scheduled for October 1, and 15 at 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. in McLean according to Bill Layman, Hunter Education Instructor.

Effective September 1, 1993, all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must have successfully completed the course to hunt in Texas. However, any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements, according to Bill Layman.

The course is open to adults and youths and will include instructions in rifles, shotguns, and bow hunting, handling and safety, outdoor responsibility and ethics, law and regulations, conservation, hunting traditions, wildlife identifications, field care of game, wilderness first aid and survival. Bill Layman added.

Students 12 years of age or older, successfully completing the course, will be issued a hunter education certificate from the TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT. Those less than 12 years of age will receive a certificate of attendance, but must take the course again for proper certification.

More than 160,000 Texans have already completed the hunter education course which is mandatory in 39 states. For more information, contact Bill Layman at 779-2504 or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Hunter Education section in Austin at 1-800-792-1112.

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—Marian Evans

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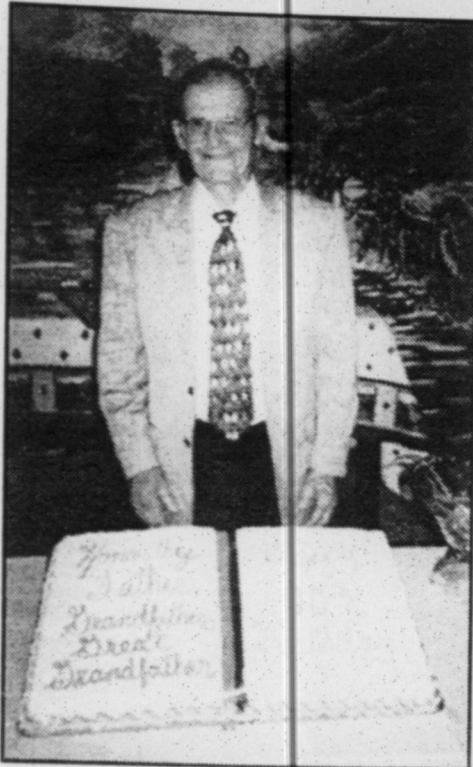


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Archie Cooper Honored With 90th Birthday Celebration Recently



Family and friends crowded into the Red River Steakhouse on Saturday, September 7, to celebrate Archie Cooper's 90th birthday. Guests traveled from California, Oklahoma, New Mexico and various parts of Texas to celebrate Archie's son, Jerry, emceed the event and in character of his own father's mischievousness, staged a mock auction to procure an eligible widow for his dad.

Everyone enjoyed reminiscing of times past with Archie.

Mr. Cooper, an ordained minister of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, applied his talents as painter, carpenter and roofer to supplement his income as pastor. Five years ago he lost Virginia, his wife of 60 years. His four children, Tracie Miller of Katy, Texas, Wynona Hail of Sacramento, California; Jerry Cooper of Forgan, Oklahoma and Sharon Blake of Oklahoma City have each been successful in their own right and have made him proud. His four children hosted the celebration.

At 90 years of age, Mr. Cooper enjoys excellent health and likes to boast that he feels he is no more than 70 years old. He still drives himself to and from his church in Pampa and may be seen climbing a ladder to help a friend or neighbor or entertaining family and friends as he jumps a rope.

He has been blessed with 6 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 40+ extended family members. This 90 year old has spent his life in the service of others. Since 9-11, he has spent much time and money meeting with Pastors and school board members persuading them to display the motto, "In God We Trust" in all schoolrooms.

Mr. Cooper is loved and respected by all who know him.



Tiger fans come in all sizes! These two pint sized tigers are Jacey Steel and Jack Reyna.

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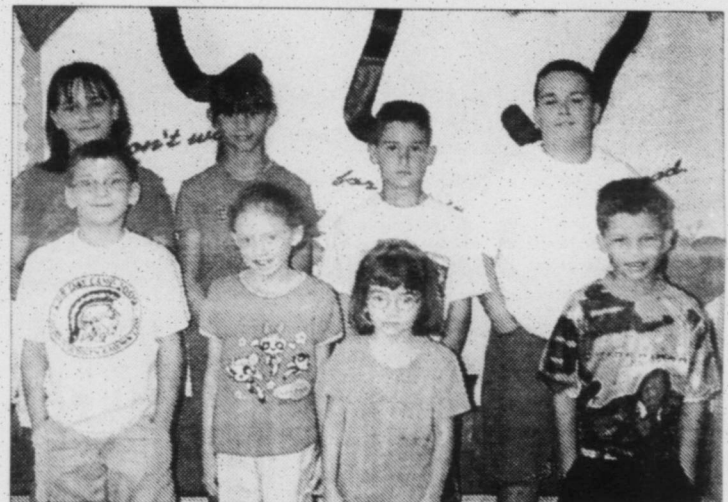
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McLean Church Directory

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Sunday School 9:45 am - Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
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Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
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Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm,
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
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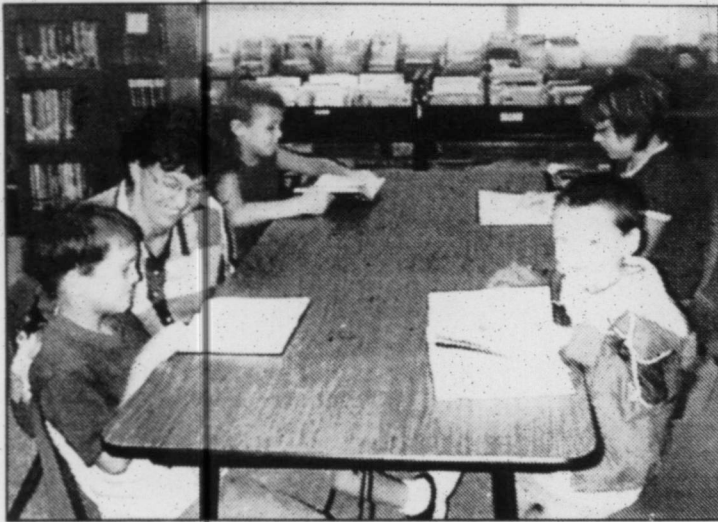
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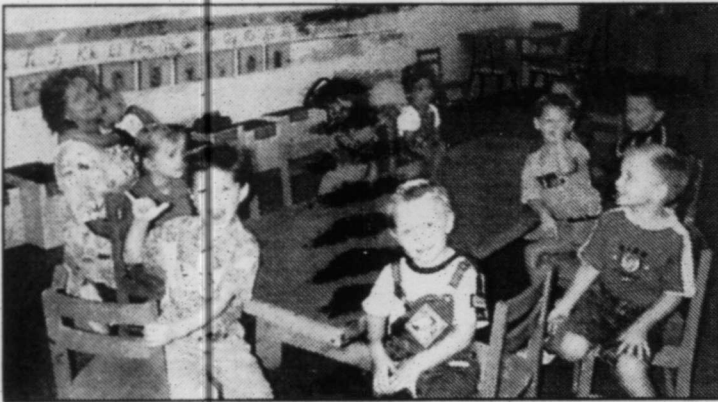
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EDITORIAL One Year Later, USA Has Changed But Not All For The Worse

The one-year anniversary of the terror attack on September 11 has come and gone. With a nation tense and prepared for another attack, the day passed quietly. I was traveling by car on the week and day of the eleventh. I watched the nation prepare both physically and emotionally. I heard radio stations and TV stations discuss every aspect of the anniversary and I saw both large and small towns seem to be a measure of

fear, bringing our Terror Alert to level 4 by the Homeland Security Force, the most notable emotion seemed to be both sorrow and pride. Every where I went there were flags. This is a beautiful country and it was made the more beautiful

by the Red, White and Blue. People went about their business as normal, carrying on their daily duties. I noticed in stores instead of the usual canned music playing softly there was patriotic music and an occasional speech playing

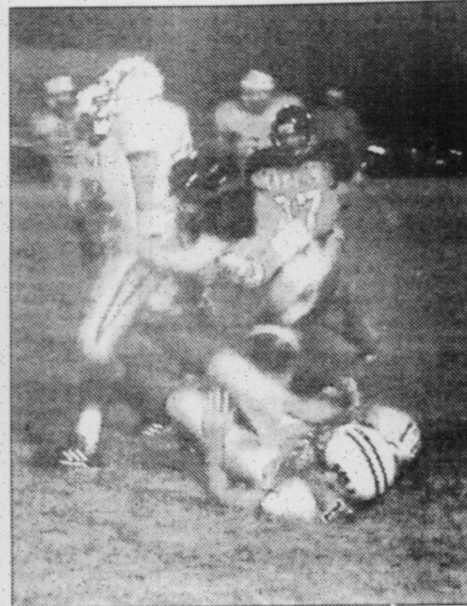
just a little louder. It cannot be denied our country has changed. There are many more restrictions and delays when traveling. We must keep our eyes open and stay alert, but not all the changes have been bad. We have had to reevaluate what is important in our lives and who our heroes are. If you haven't already take the time to thank our local law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMT's, and remember our young men and women in the military, they still have a big task

Tigers

the game, McLean lost the quarterback Josh Seymour in the first quarter and Running Back James Alexander in the second quarter. Even with the injuries there were several stand out plays by both Josh

and James and several players stepped up filling positions they don't normally play. End Trent Cadra filled in as quarterback and middle line backer leading in tackles in the second half. End Reo Dennis stepped up and line backer Dusty Moody shinned as running back.

Although the game was a loss, the Tigers showed a much improved team and we are looking forward to a winning season with a healthy team.

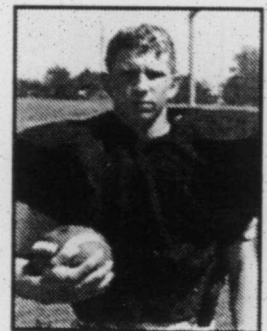


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For Carson County Treasurer
Jeannie Cunningham

For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk
Celeste Bichsel

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Groom School Students Remember 9-11

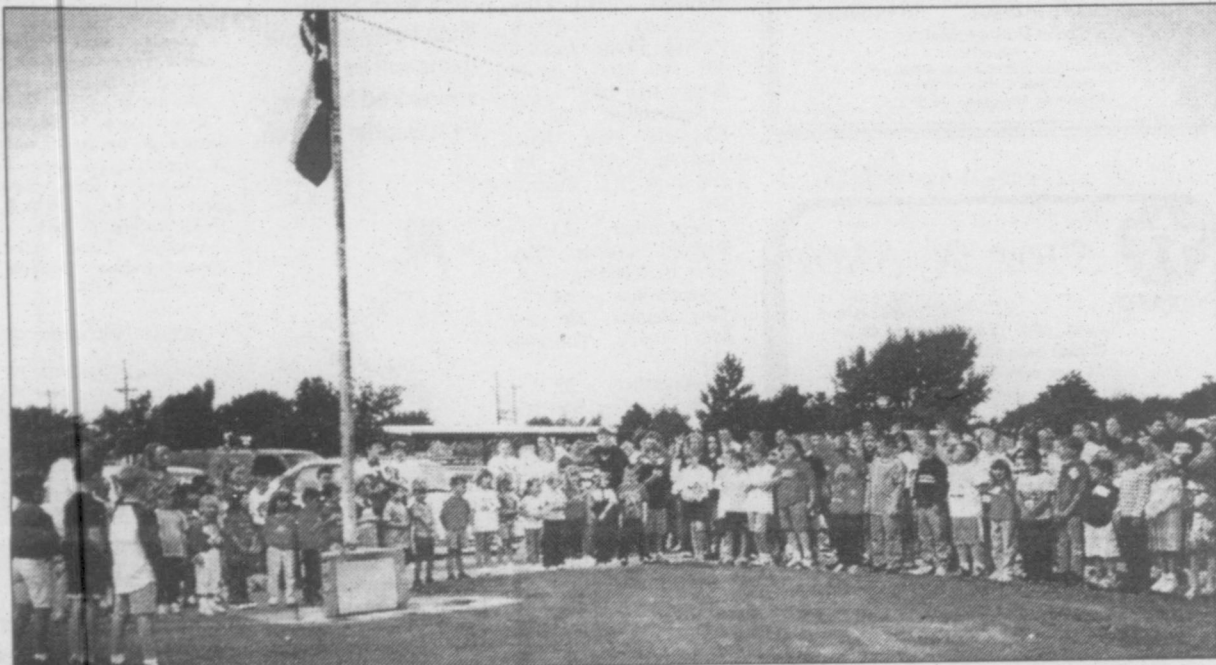
Groom students met last week on September 11, in an impromptu memorial service, hosted by the Student Council, to honor victims of the attack on the World Trade Center, The Pentagon and Flight 93.

Students from grades K-12 gathered in front of the flag pole for brief patriotic ceremony. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Star Spangled Banner and American the Beautiful was sung.

When back in class, some history, english and social study classes held discussions on how life had changed in the year since 9-11.

"We know now that we can never truly feel 100% safe," stated Laine Britten. "I refuse to let the threat of terrorism rule my life. We also

See Memorial, pg. 5



Groom Elementary, Junior High, and High School students gather at the flag pole recently to honor the victims of the September 11 terrorist attack. The patriotic event included The Pledge of Allegiance, singing the Star Spangled Banner and American the Beautiful.

Community Calendar

A PEP Rally will be held in the gym of Friday at 3:00.

GROOM CUBS will play Silverton, there, on Sept. 19, at 5:00.

GROOM TIGERS will play Chillicothe, here, on Friday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

GROOM 4-H Club will meet on Monday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm at the Groom Community Center.

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City Council Discusses Grants, Skunks, And Zoning Variance

The Groom City Council met in regular session last week on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Forrest McLaughlin, and Chris Welch. Visitors included Chris Sharp, PRPC representative, Bobby Babcock, Bill Musser, Donna Burton and Mary Sue Lyles.

After a brief explanation of the grant application process, Chris Sharp, PRPC representative, pointed out some of the information included on the grant application. Forrest McLaughlin moved and Chris Welch seconded the motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the grant application for water line improvement to be submitted under the Texas Community Development Program operated by The Office

of Rural Community Affairs. All members voted in favor.

The Council voted to return the penalty and interest of 96.34 paid by Valor Telecommunications on their 2001 city taxes,

because of an error made by the postal department.

The council voted unanimously to vote for Wayne Collins mayor of Dimmitt for Place 3 on the TML-IEBP Board of Directors. Places 1, 2 & 4 were uncontested and their votes were also casted for these candidates.

The issue of replacing the carpet in the big room at the Groom Community Center was brought to the table for discussion. The item was tabled until estimates could be obtained for tile carpet, vinyl flooring and laminated wood planking.

A discussion was lead by Ellis Stapp concerning

the problem of skunks in town. He had heard several complaints on the problems. The council discussed several options available to them with Donna Burton, animal control officer. Ellis Stapp moved and W.H. Ollinger seconded the motion to get the city employees to attempt to trap and dispose of the animal when there is a request from a citizen for this service. The City Secretary will contact Pampa and find out from them the cost of disposing of the skunks and how they are handling their skunk problem.

Forrest McLaughlin moved and Don Case seconded the motion to begin the process of granting a variance to Bobby Babcock to allow him to graze some cattle on land that he owns

See City, pg. 3

School Board To Re-Visit Personal Property Tax Issue On Oct 25

Groom School Board met in regular session last week with the following members present Clifton Britten, Denny Babcock, Tony Treadwell, Tony Britten, Tim Case, and Ron Kuehler. Mike Friemel was absent. Also in attendance was Superintendent Kevin Noack and guest Curtis Downs.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a typographical error changed.

During the open forum, Superintendent Noack presented a report on the early reading instruments on Grades K-2, and the students progress who attended summer school.

State Policy Update 68 was presented to the Board for consideration. Most of the updates are legal wording of current

policies and are more or less "house-keeping" type changes.

The Board discussed dates for Board Training as presented by the service center. They will be working toward a date in late 2002 or early 2003.

The Board held a discussion concerning personal property tax. A public hearing will be set for Oct 25.

Groom School Board Trustee's adopted a resolution initiated by The Equity Center, an education activist group, in support of legislative action to guarantee adequacy and equity in school finance.

Bills were present, discussion was held and approval was given for payment.

No personnel issues were discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

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 Karen Case

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

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 Mr. and Mrs. Don
 Case (A).

September 20 -
 Collin Downs.

September 21 -
 Beulah Shockley,
 Anthony Britten,
 Ashley Brette Jackson,
 Mr. and Mrs. John M.
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September 22 -
 Gaynelle Pool, Kylie
 Tojlynn Pickering, Mr.
 and Mrs. T.C. Sustaire
 (A).

September 23 -
 Richard Crump, Mrs.
 John B. Koetting.

September 24 -
 Tina Painter, Mr. and
 Mrs. Jerry Thornton
 (A).

September 25 -
 Keith Barkley, Melinda
 Burgin Holguin,
 Kimberly Richardson,
 Mr. and Mrs. Melvin
 Wills (A).

Phil Miller and his sister, Teri Stewart of Amarillo, attended the funeral of their nephew, Chris Jolly, age 20 over the weekend in Ferris, Texas. He was killed in a truck wreck and burned upon impact.



This week's Tail-Gate Party after the game will be sponsored by The First Baptist Church.



It's a Girl

Andy and LaDonna Cortez of Amarillo are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Kailey Anastacia born at 1:11 p.m. on August 29th, 2002 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 7lbs and was 21.6 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Lee & LaVonda Barkley of Groom, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cortez of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walker of Tucson, Arizona. Great-grandparents are LaVeda Wood of Groom, Natalia Barkley and Pete Curtis of Hereford, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cortez, Sr. of Amarillo.

Groom School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Week of Sept. 23-27

BREAKFAST:

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk.

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, & milk.

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice & milk.

Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCH

Monday: Baked Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk & chocolate cake.

Tuesday: Steak fingers, french fries, applesauce, texas toast, & milk

Wednesday: Soft Tacos, corn, shredded lettuce & tomatoes, milk & yogurt.

Thursday: Corn dogs, tator tots, fruit cocktail, pickle spears, & milk.

Friday: Pizza, salad, pears, graham crackers, and milk.

WTAMU Makes Good On \$1,000 Promise

Canyon, Tx - Last spring, West Texas A & M University officials promised \$1,000 to any and all 2002 high school seniors who graduated in the top quarter of their respective classes. This fall, West Texas A & M University is making good on its promise.

"We gave scholarships totaling at least \$1,000, more in many cases, to about 225 new freshmen as part of our 'Top 25 % Guarantee'" Dr. Troy Johnson, dean of enrollment management, said. "I'm not only pleased with the number of students but the quality of these students as well. They've proven they're among the best, and we can expect they will experience the same kind of academic success here at West Texas A&M."

Area recipients of WTAMU's fall 2002 "Top 25 %" scholarship class include Candace Bohr.

You are invited to attend the Carson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

September 24, 2002
 First United Methodist Church
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 7:30 p.m.

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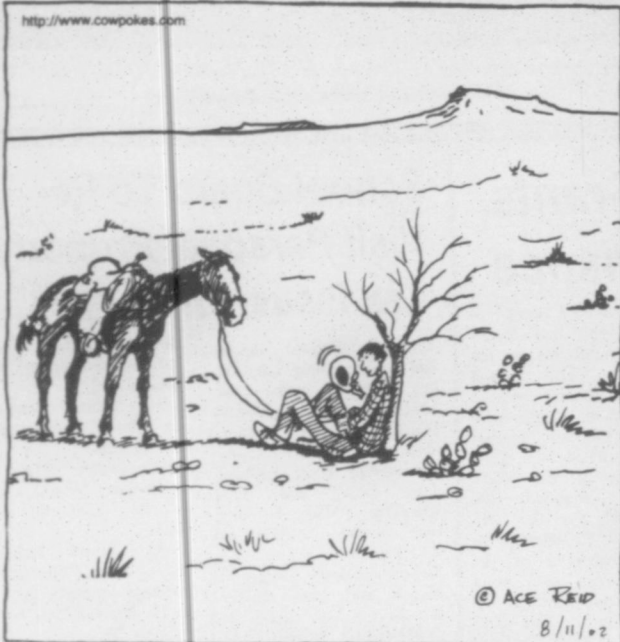


Guest speakers will be Bryce Myrick and David Swinford

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that is on 4th street. Letters will be sent to all residents within 200 feet of the area for which the variance is being

requested, giving them an opportunity to express their opinion about this change. A public hearing will be held on Oct 8th, 2002 before the regular City Council Meeting. A vote on variance will be taken at the meeting. Voting for the motion were Chris Welch, Forrest McLaughlin, and Don Case. Against were Ellis Stapp and W.H. Ollinger.

Chris Welch moved and W. H. Ollinger seconded the motion to accept the settlement proposal with Ron Smith and dismiss the condemnation suit against him since a clear title for the property could not be obtained for the land and since there was not good water in the location for water well. The settlement includes: \$3000 to Mr. Smith for damages, \$1000 for lawyers fees and \$6.301 returned to the City.

Forrest McLaughlin moved, and Chris Welch seconded the motion to announce in the paper

that there would be 4 placed on the GEDC Board of Directors that are to become available for appointment. Those who's 2 year terms are ending are Sandra Britten, Joe Rae Richardson, Rick Prather, and David Brown. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Council approved Cox, Allen and Co. of Dumas, Tx as the City auditing firm firm 2002.

The City's investment policy as required by the State of Texas was reviewed and approved.

Minutes of the August 13 meeting and August 29th meeting were

approved with one correction.

The bills were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned.

Fifth Grade Class Puts Math To Work In The Name Of Spirit

The fifth grade class at Groom School is busy putting the math they learn to work in their everyday lives. This week they used their math skills to plot a grid! Each of them worked out how many cups it would take to decorate the fence on the football field. See math does have a purpose!



Did you know that the Groom Dairy Queen will stay open late on Home game nights for all those after-the-game cravings!

Brush & Palette Club Kicks Off New Year

Brush & Palette Club is up and running for a new year. Plans are in the making for a new art project each month taught by members. Com join them for a luncheon on the first Monday of each month. There will be time for instruction and fellowship. Contact any members for details.

They plan to go to a "Cooking School" in October and possible a trip to Kenneth Wyatt's studio in Tulia later in the year. The new officers are President Dorothy McMullen, Vice President Charlene Weller, Sec./Treasurer Shirley Fields and reporter Juandell Ritter-Bivens.

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Junior High Wins Season Opener, 26-0, Against Higgins

By Coach Jym Dennis

The Groom Jr. High football team got off to a great start in their season opener Thursday at Higgins winning 26-0. Offensively and defensively the kids did a great job. We scored on our opening drive and never looked back. Our offensive line consisting of Blaine Britten, Kendall Weller and Bryan Newton did a real good job of blocking up front, opening up holes for our running backs to run through. Offensively

Thane Barkley led the way, scoring three touchdowns and one extra point. Two of his scores came from over 40 yards out. Chad Barkley

scored the other touchdowns and followed it up with an extra point score.

Defensively our fount four did a great job of shutting down Higgins running game. Higgins only managed to get inside our 20 one time and that was when they returned a kick all the way to our 15 yard line. Kade Brown intercepted on pass and Blaine Britten had one fumble recovery to help lead the defense.

We had seventeen kids suited up for the game and all of them got to play. They did a real good job of coming in and contributing on both offense and defense.

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Tigers Show Much Improvement In Friday Game Against Bible Heritage

A "much improved" Groom Tiger squad fell to the hands of the Bible Heritage Eagles in Amarillo last Saturday.

"We lead in every statistical category except the score board," said Coach Toby Tucker. "We were just inches away from making big plays and that will come as we continue to gain experience."

Groom had 313 yards of total offense compared to 286 for Bible Heritage. Doug Fields had all rushers with 159 yards on 23 carries and 1 touchdown. Calvin Schaffer added 96 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown.

Having two backs put up that type of numbers was great. It was a tribute to the offensive line and is something that we have been lacking," stated Tucker. "By Calvin stepping up it should help us not have teams just key in on Doug."

Tucker also had high praise for 9th grade quarterback Kelby Noack. "I though Kelby was very much in control during the whole ball game. Our seniors did a good job of taking him under their wing and helping him through his first varsity experience. I think he made some good decisions and just missed on some passes.

He is going to be just fine."

Turnovers continued to plague the Tigers. Three fumbles and two interceptions lead to all of Bible Heritage's score.

"We have got to get better at taking care of the football," said Tucker. "We just can't expect to win games with that many turnovers. It is something that we have to fix."

Owen Weinheimer lead Groom receivers with 4 catches for 44 yards. Lance Ollinger also had one reception for 14 yards.

"Our passing game is still lacking," commented Tucker, "but it is something that we are improving on. We had a couple of passes for big plays slip right through our hands, but if we continue to have the type of ground game like we did this week our passing game should open up.

Leading the Tigers defensively was Owen Weinheimer who had 9 tackles and two fumble recoveries, and Dough Fields who also added 9 tackles.

"Every player on our team got a chance to get in there and mix it up this week," added Tucker. "I am so proud of how hard this group is working and there never say die attitude. It is going to take all 12

players, two coaches, 5 cheerleaders, and everyone in those stands to help us be successful. We are thankful for the support of the community and appreciate everyone standing behind us."

Other team stats are as follows: first downs" Groom had 13 to Heritage's 16. Groom carried the ball 58 times for 301 yards. Heritage

had 65 carries for 396 yards and 7 touchdowns. Groom completed 7 of 21 passes for 70 yards and had 3 interceptions. Heritage connected on 11 of 26 attempts and scored 5 TD's. The final score was Groom 12, Bible Heritage 40.

Individual stats are as follows:
Doug Fields - Rushed for 216 yards on 40

carries and scored 1 TD. Received 2 of 2 passes for 22 yards. Returned 6 kick-offs for 180 yards and a touchdown. punted 1 time for 20 yards. Defensively he made 18 tackles.

Calvin Schaffer - rushed 90 yards on 14 carries and scored a touchdown. Had 2 defensive tackles.

Owen Weinheimer - Gained 4 yards on 1 carry. Completed .5 catches for 48 yards. Defensively contributed 15 tackles and 2 fumble recoveries.

Bobby Ratteree - rushed for 3 yards on 1 carry, passed twice, and had 14 defensive tackles.

Lance Ollinger - lost 12 yards on 2 carries. Connected on 1 of 3

passes for 4 yards. Gained 14 yards on 1 reception. Punted 4 times for 111 yards. Defensive tackles gained were 8 and 2 quarterback sacks.

Kelby Noack gained 44 yards on 4 of 14 passes with 2 interceptions.

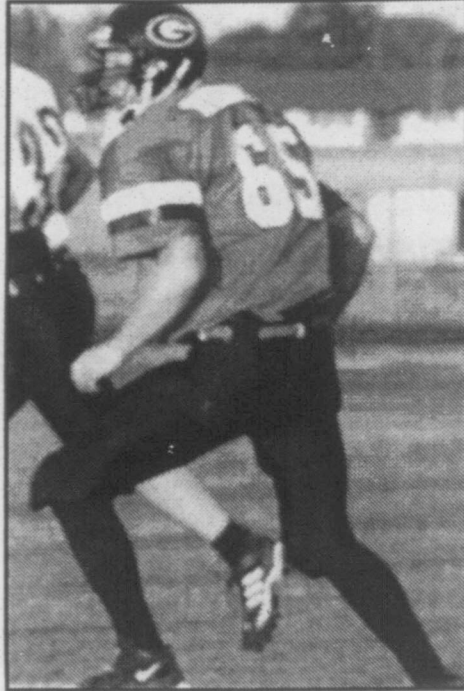
Defensively he had 1 tackle.

Brett Britten - gained 8 yards on 1 catch and had 13 defensive tackles. He also sacked the quarterback.

Willie Leven - had 2 defensive tackles and a fumble recovery.

Jeff Rios - had 1 unassisted defensive tackle.


Cody Babcock - had 1 unassisted defensive tackle.



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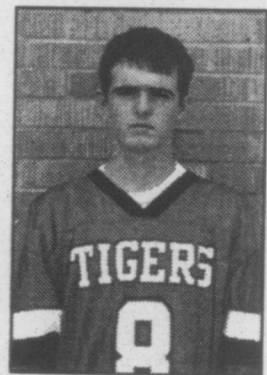
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Secretary of State Explanatory Brief for HJR 2

HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Helen Witt Returns From Hawaiian Cruise

Helen Witt returned home on Monday evening from an eight day trip to Hawaii. She was accompanied by her daughter, Lynell Peek and granddaughter Danese McGill from Clarksville and granddaughter Shannon Peek of Amarillo. The group flew to Honolulu, Oahu, and there boarded the Norwegian Star ship for a cruise among the other Hawaiian Islands. They returned to Honolulu and flew home from there.



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Explanatory Brief for HJR 2
 HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.
The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."
 Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el 5 de noviembre de 2002. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.
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Memorial
 need to learn to never take our loved ones for granted and treat people with respect."
 "Sometimes I worry about what might happen in the future," stated Student Council President Doug Fields, "But you cannot live in fear. If my country needs me, I will answer the call, just like those that came before me."
 All Groom students were very reverent during the service. If all America's youth are anything like our children in Groom," stated an interested bystander, "we have nothing to fear for our future."

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Amber's Legacy

"My child has been taken." The most terrifying nightmare a parent can endure has just begun. This was the crushing truth facing Donna Hagerman, now Donna Norris, the mother of a nine year old girl named Amber, who was kidnapped while riding her bicycle near her home in Arlington in 1996. Four days later, Amber was found murdered.

Amber's death had such an impact on the community that local law enforcement and area broadcasters developed what is now known as AMBER Alert (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response). An AMBER Alert is activated by law enforcement to find a child, when a child has been abducted. An alert triggers highway notification and broadcast messages throughout the area where the abduction occurred. To date, 57 cities, regions and states have established AMBER Alerts, which have been credited with the safe recovery of 31 abducted children.

The kidnappings that have captured our country's attention this summer remind us why it is more critical than ever that we take the AMBER program, which has been so successful in helping locate missing children, nationwide.

My colleague from California, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and I introduced and were able to pass a bill in the Senate in unprecedented time, to establish a national AMBER network. The legislation helps fill the gaps that

exist in the current patchwork of AMBER systems. It also provides much needed resources for states and communities to build their own systems and spread vital information to surrounding jurisdictions with a single phone call.

This summer the abduction of an Abilene infant brought this issue home to many Texans. A woman abducted one-month-old Nancy Crystal Chavez from a car in a Wal-Mart parking lot. Because a surveillance camera caught the incident on tape, law enforcement in North Texas were able to alert the public of the make and model of the kidnapper's vehicle through the AMBER Alert system. The following day, the alleged kidnapper was stopped by highway patrol after receiving a tip from a citizen.

When a child is lost, the whole community grieves along with the family. An AMBER Alert helps them channel their concern into action. Recent child kidnappings in California, Utah, Virginia, Texas and other states have brought the issue home to many communities and tips from average citizens have resulted in the safe and rapid recovery of many children.

We must be able to spread the word about abducted children across county and state lines and take away the predators' hiding places. It must happen quickly, before the kidnappers have the chance to cover their tracks and get too far away. According to a 1990 U.S. Department of Justice study, roughly 4,500 children in the United States are abducted by non-family members every year. Law enforcement is successful in tracking down many of these children, but evidence shows a few hours time can make the difference in a safe recovery. An AMBER Alert gives these children, and their families, a fighting chance.

In memory of Amber Hagerman, and for every family ravaged by the searing tragedy of child abduction, my colleagues and I moved swiftly to pass this legislation in the Senate. Our goal is to have President Bush sign this bill into law this fall. Soon more states will join the national AMBER network and all families will benefit from the dedication and vision of Donna Hagerman Norris.

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